

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendment above and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 have been canceled in this paper without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. No claims have been amended or added in this paper. Therefore, claims 11-28 and 34-54 are pending and are under active consideration.

Claims 11-28 and 34-54 have been allowed.

Claims 1-3 and 7-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) "as being anticipated by Kerr et al. (US Patent No. 2004/0062016)," claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) "as being unpatentable over Kerr et al. (US Patent No. 2004/0062016)," and claims 5-6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) "as being unpatentable over Kerr et al. (US Patent No. 2004/0062016) in view of Grabau et al. (US Patent No. 6,451,154)."

Without acquiescing in the propriety of the above rejections, Applicants have canceled claims 1-9 in this paper. Therefore, the above rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

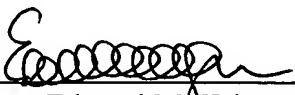
In view of the above, the only claims that remain pending have been allowed. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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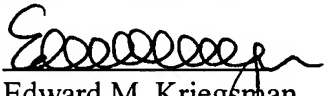
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